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Cheerleader Marcy Hodge shows her Southern spirit for Lion and Lady Lion athletics.

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## SPECIAL ELECTION

## Center gains support

Chamber announces 'firm, positive stand'

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

The Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce formerly announced its "firm, positive stand" Wednesday on the Joplin Civic Center proposal.

The proposal, spearheaded by both Missouri Southern and the city of Joplin, will be voted on during a special election March 5. If passed by city voters, the Joplin Civic Center, which was announced as the official title, will be funded by a three-eighths of a cent sales tax over a 14-year span.

Besides the center project, the Chamber released its stand on the Joplin R-8 School District's proposal for new building programs, which would be funded through a citywide property tax on the April 2 ballot. (See related story, page 7.)

Rob O'Brian, Chamber president, said both projects would cost the average family around \$1 a day.

O'Brian also said after the Chamber's board of directors met with representatives from the education, government relations, and Vision Joplin committees, along with the Joplin business and industrial development committee, it voted to support both projects after lengthy consideration.

"We discussed the impact these projects would have on the community," O'Brian said. "We also discussed the enhancement of the quality of life that these two projects could have on our future. Then it came down to whether these projects do merit the investment that the community is being asked to make."

The board has overwhelmingly endorsed the construction of the Joplin Civic Center and the building projects for the Joplin R-8 schools.

The Chamber board considered the possible economic

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## Civic Center could help local businesses

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Area businesses are looking at the proposed Joplin Civic Center with a vast interest regarding the city's economy.

Matt Knechtel, assistant general manager of the Drury Inn on Range Line, said he was split on whether the center would benefit the chain's business.

"It would be good to bring people in and increase the flow

through Joplin with events and conventions," Knechtel said. "At the same time, if you keep on raising the sales tax, conventions just don't go to that town anymore because it is overtaxed."

Knechtel said the proposed three-eighths of a cent sales tax increase should not affect the hotel's business.

"We are pretty much a business hotel," he said. "We are sold out Monday through Thursday with business travelers. It may help the weekend business, if we

would get conventions, rodeos, or any major event."

Ed Carlisle, general manager at Hampton Inn on 36th Street, said Joplin's location makes it easier for travelers to stop and spend the night.

"As the Chamber [of Commerce] stated, we just do not have a facility to hold a large number of people," Carlisle said. "There is a big area to draw from

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## Congregation interested in using facility

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

A local church already has expressed some interest in using the proposed Joplin Civic Center to accommodate its overflowing congregation.

College Heights Christian Church, which has served the Joplin community for more than 25 years, is pondering the idea of renting the center to house special holiday services such as Christmas and Easter.

Randy Gariss, College Heights minister, said the church is looking for new options for Sunday services because of rapid membership growth the past three

years. Membership has increased from 900 to more than 1,200.

College Heights already holds three Sunday services and may have to add a fourth, which triggered the idea of renting the civic center.

"Right now it is only speculation at best," Gariss said. "With a chance of adding another service, we are looking at our options. One option is to build our own auditorium, and another option is to rent something already built, like the proposed center. The center would be a definite option for us."

"We have the plans drawn up for our own auditorium, but the question remains: Do we want to build something which would

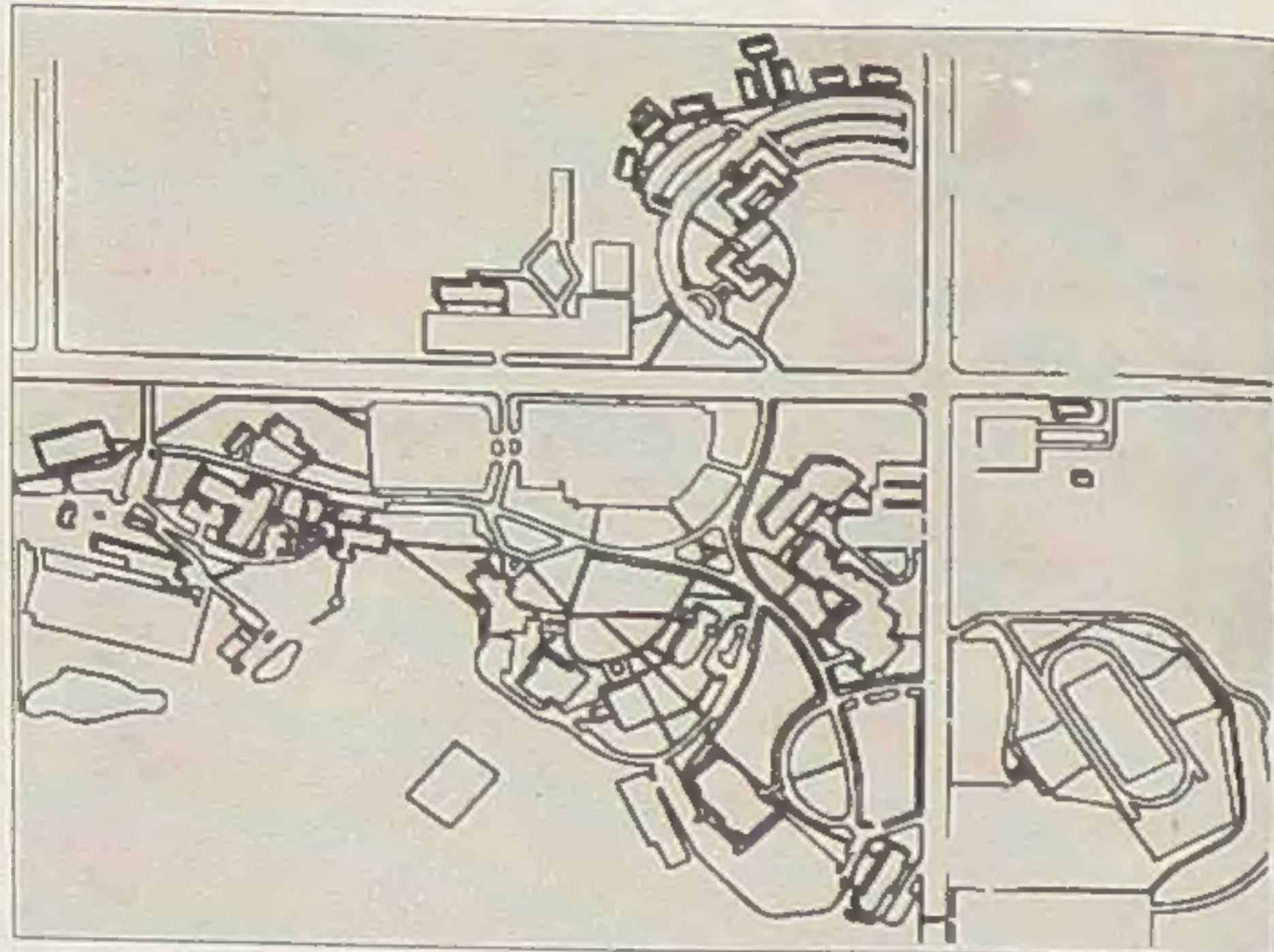
cost money, or do we want to rent a facility for an occasional Sunday service?"

Jay Cruse, an elder at the church, said the best aspect of holding services at the center is that it would give church members a place to gather in one and worship.

"That would be a great use for a facility like that," Cruse said. "Right now, we have to worship at three different times, but it would be nice to get together three or four times a year in such a place."

In the past, the church has used the chapel at Ozark Christian

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**SECURITY REPORT****Campus claims crime-free week**

**F**or the first time in a long time, the Missouri Southern security office has seen a week go by without having to issue a single security report.

Bill Boyer, director of campus security, said he could not remember the last time the campus has not had a reported incident.

Boyer came to the College in 1987. "Usually, not a week goes by where we don't have problems," he said. "We have had to take care of problems ranging from car accidents to disputes between loved ones. We try our best to protect the campus in all aspects."

Boyer said it is quite an accomplishment for his officers to have no incidents during a week-long period.

"We all feel very good about it," he said.

"Things are moving very smoothly at this time, and we try to do our best to keep it that way."

"This really proves the efforts of the whole college population are paying off in keeping this campus a safe place to study and to live." □

**GET YOUR PEANUTS**

Mike Tomlinson, junior computer science major, accepts a bowl of peanuts Tuesday from John Hill and Jean Logan, AmeriServe employees, when the company presented Peanut Day by the BSC cafeteria.

**CONGREGATION: Pastor ponders possibilities**

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College or the Taylor Performing Arts Center at Southern for large gatherings.

Because of the church's growing numbers, Gariss said its facilities may be stretched too far in the years to come.

"I think the arena is something that the community needs," he said. "I don't think Memorial Hall and Taylor Auditorium are ade-

quate to hold community events in. I hate to see taxes higher than they have to be, but we don't have a joint meeting space in town which is adequate."

One problem Gariss sees with the idea of holding all Sunday services at the center would be its availability after weekend events.

"When the center would have weekend rodeos, or concerts on Saturday night, we may not be

able to have the facility on Sunday and that becomes a real problem," he said.

Gariss said he has no plans to discuss the Joplin Civic Center proposal with his congregation.

"We are a church," he said. "We shouldn't discuss those matters. We should be a church. We discuss things that matter to the kingdom of God. We do not endorse political parties or issues." □

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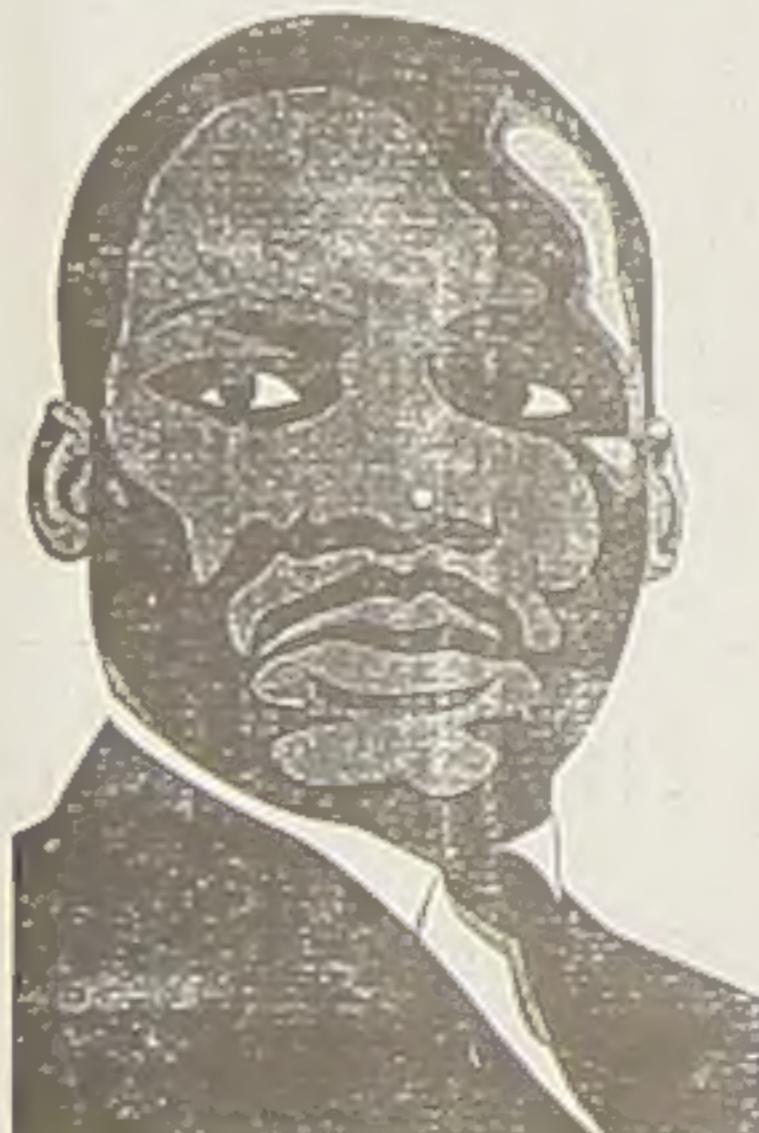
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# May, July, December grads to take ACT

**Seniors to receive registration card, sample questions**

By MICHAEL DAVISON  
ARTS EDITOR

**S**eniors' mailboxes this week will contain a little more than the usual bills, advertisements, and junk mail.

The center for assessment and institutional research mailed more than 800 letters requesting seniors to register for the ACT COMP (College Outcomes Measures Program) test on Feb. 21. This test, a requirement for graduation, helps the College see how it pre-

ORIENTATION

## Students don't use software

By KIKI COFFMAN  
STAFF WRITER

**I**n the strive for immediate information, Missouri Southern is advancing steadily. But is Southern ready?

The Spiva Library has a \$50,000 CD tower, with capabilities to hold 28 CDs and access for students all over campus.

"Right now we're just trying to get it up and running, so that we can have access here and on other [local area networks] on campus," said Ed Wuch, audiovisual and government documents librarian.

"That's \$50,000 right there," he said, "but I would say now it's probably not going to be up until after spring break."

Why the wait?

"The campus has priorities, and [the tower] isn't at the top of the list," said Charles Kemp, head librarian.

The CD tower was supposed to be hooked up over Christmas break.

"They try to go too fast with this technology, and as a result they've had so many breakdowns that they're just trying to keep things running," Wuch said.

"I call it band-aid administration."

Meanwhile, students are discovering problems using existing programs.

"I'm not used to the technology, like using the Library of Congress," said Dawn Craig, freshman communications major.

"A lot of people aren't used to the software, and they don't know if they should really ask for help."

For other students, the confusion lies in finding library employees who can help them.

"I asked a lady in resources if she knew Word Perfect, and she told me to use something else," said Joetta Wigger, freshman communications major. □

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

## Leadership position helps organizational, speaking skills

**Applications due March 1 for positions during fall semester**

By CRAIG BEFFA  
EDITORIAL EDITOR

**F**or those who are interested in becoming College Orientation leaders next fall, applications are due March 1.

"We are looking for motivated and spirited people," said Susan Craig, coordinator of College Orientation, "who are interested in teaching 15 to 20 incoming freshmen

over an eight-week period."

Craig says the experience would benefit any major.

"This helps with your organizational skills," she said, "speaking in front of a number of people, keeping records and grades, and helping new students get acquainted with school."

This year Craig is looking for 60 students to become Orientation leaders.

"We want more this year because of the big freshman class expected," she said.

"Last year we only had 45 leaders, and we could have used more."

Once students return their applications, individual interviews will be scheduled for the week of March 4-8.

"On Wednesday, March 6, students will

have an opportunity to meet the other applicants," Craig said.

"There will be ice-breakers and a process called selectricution, where we see how good your communication skills are."

Once Orientation leaders are selected, training will be held on Mondays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for eight weeks.

"The compensation for this is two upper-division credit hours in Psychology 498, Leadership Training," Craig said.

"The tuition for those credit hours are paid for."

Holley Goodnight, student leader, says being a College Orientation leader is a good experience and recommends it to everyone.

tains an overview of the test and some sample questions, she said.

"Whether they will read the guide is the question," Honey said.

"There are also some survey questions to help evaluate the College."

This is the sixth year for the one-day testing; in the past, each department did it separately.

"It's gratifying how cooperative everybody has been," Honey said. "It is good to have this on one day."

In comparison to the Graduate Record Exam, the ACT COMP is an exercise in critical thinking.

"It's multiple choice," Honey said, "but there are two good answers to every question, and you have to choose which is more correct." □

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

**Call-in show to focus on E-911 System**

**T**he Jasper County E-911 System will be featured on a live, call-in program scheduled to air at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15.

**Ozarks in Perspective:** The Jasper County E-911 System, a joint production of Missouri Southern Television and Ozarks Public Television, will air simultaneously on KGCS-LP/57 and KOZJ/26.

In April 1994, the citizens of Jasper County elected to fund an E-911 system financed by a 1/10 of a cent sales tax. An independent board of directors was later elected to plan and supervise the establishment of such a system. What has happened since that time, current plans for implementing the system, how the system will work, and what effects setting up the system will have on Jasper County residents will be discussed during the program.

Judy Stiles, host of "Newsmakers," will moderate the program. Panelists scheduled to appear are Harlan Snow, Jasper County emergency services dispatch board chairman; Steve Kent, city of Joplin communications manager; Vickie Bayless, Newton County central dispatch director; Jeff Leeka, Southwestern Bell Telephone area manager; and Sam Whatley, Joplin Main Post Office manager of customer relations.

"Ozarks in Perspective" is a live, hour-long call-in program. Viewers are invited to call and ask the panel questions by dialing (417) 782-1226. □

**Financial aid monies up for grabs March 1**

**C**ampus-based financial aid monies (Perkins loans, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and work study) will be available for summer school students on a first-come, first-served basis. Campus-based monies are limited and are awarded until funds are expended.

Students who come to the financial aid counter between 8 a.m. and noon or between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday, March 1 and sign the request list sheet will be awarded campus-based monies if the student is eligible for those monies according to federal guidelines.

Direct loans for the summer session may also be requested at that time. □

**CP&P office to schedule on-campus interviews**

**S**eniors are asked to submit resumes to career planning and placement and sign up for on-campus interviews.

Employers are coming to campus to hire prospective graduates. Applicants must check with the career planning and placement office every week to see what companies have been added to the schedule.

On Thursday, Feb. 15 and Thursday, March 14, Mutual of Omaha will interview economics, finance, accounting, business, and marketing majors for a financial services position.

On Friday, Feb. 23, the Tax Accounting Software Corporation will interview accounting and finance majors for a technical support consultant.

On Tuesday, March 5, Hormel Foods will interview computer science, accounting, management, economics, history, political science, psychology, and mathematics majors for computer analyst, production management, and quality process and control engineering positions.

On Wednesday, March 6, Sherwin Williams will interview business and liberal arts majors for a manager trainee position. □

## YOUR MOVE



Doug Dennis, freshman undecided major and member of Southern's debate team (left), concentrates on finding the best strategy to win a chess match against Karina Keith, freshman English major, in the atrium on the third floor of Webster Hall Tuesday evening.

BRETT DAWSON/The Chan

## MISSOURI SOUTHERN FOUNDATION

# Phon-A-Thon closes in on \$175,000 goal

By GENIE UNDERNEHR  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**T**he atmosphere could be described only as "jovial" at the Missouri Southern Alumni House Wednesday night, according to Evalina Shippee, assistant professor of nursing.

Students and faculty from Southern's nursing department were the volunteers staffing the phones and mailing lists on the fourth night of the 14th annual Missouri Southern Foundation Phon-A-Thon.

"It's been pretty exciting tonight," Shippee said. "One girl called someone and said, 'I'm a nursing student...' and that's as far as she got. The woman on the phone said, 'Oh, good. You're a nurse. My dog's having a seizure. Tell me what to do.'

"You don't know what to expect when you get on the phone," Shippee said.

Sue Billingsly, Foundation director, is pleased with the results so far.

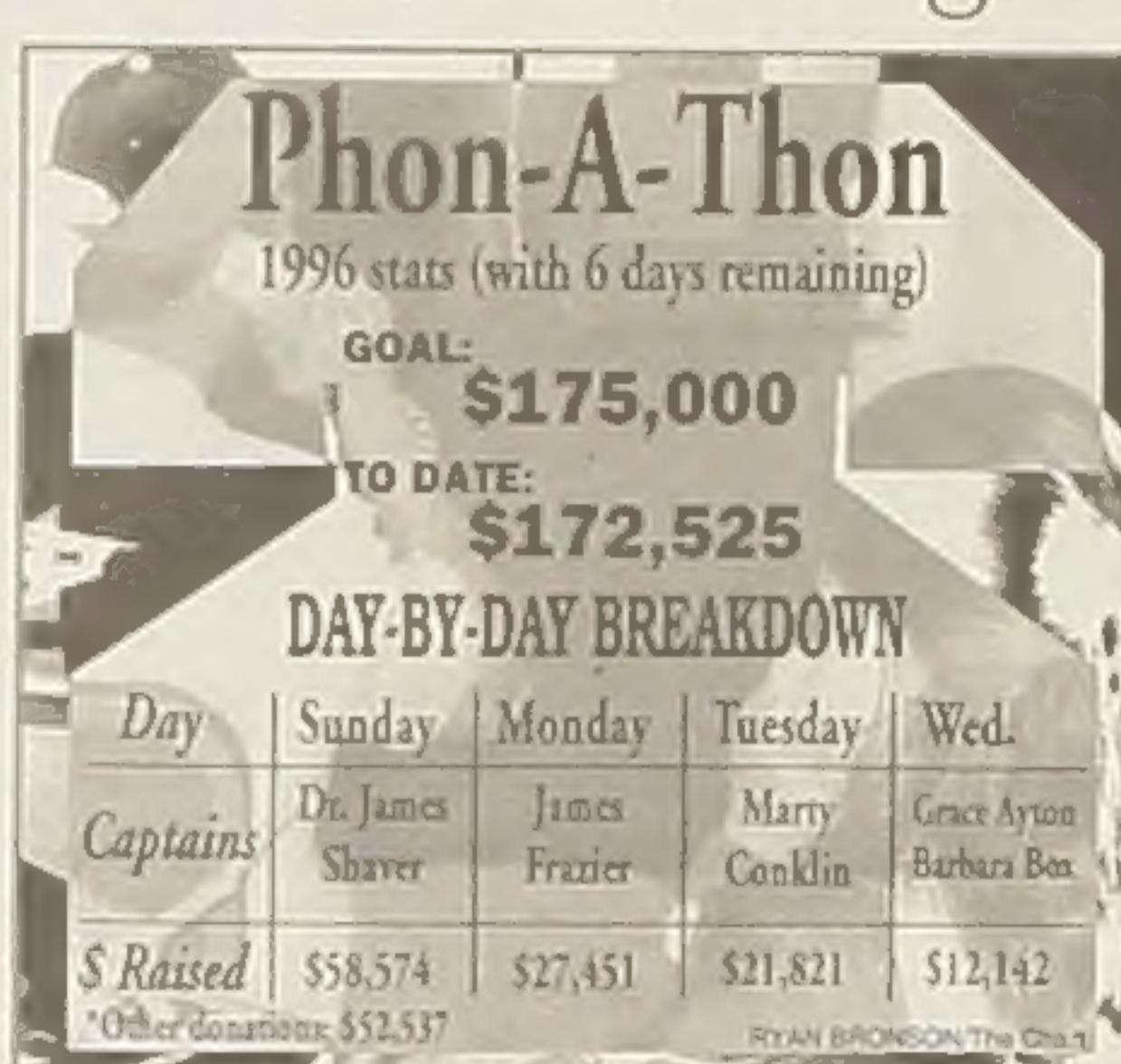
"The atmosphere's been of a competitive nature," she said. "They are all seeing who can ring their bells first to get a pledge."

"Each day's captain tries to raise more pledges than the previous day's captain," she said. "And our faculty are so busy but they are so supportive."

Shippee said the nursing students collected \$4,995 in 90 minutes of calling.

"We had some students competing against each other this afternoon," she said. "We try to

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"Students come here and do not really know anyone. With this class, if they have a problem they can come to someone their age."

Mary Ann Costley, junior communications major, says she learned about herself while being a leader.

"It helped with my self-confidence," she said.

"It also helped me speak in public."

Students can pick up an application in the counseling services office.

For more information, persons may call Craig at the College's counseling center on the second floor of Hearnes Hall, Ext. 9542. □

## Joplin, it is time to grow !

**I**t's now or never. Missouri Southern's bid for a new \$25 million Joplin Civic Center now lies in the hands of the citizens of Joplin. After the March 5 special election, the College and the city will know whether to break ground on the center's construction or bury the center's blueprints on the bottom shelf of Dr. John Tiede's bookshelf.

Even though the College has bombarded its students and the community with information about the proposal, a few questions still remain.

Do citizens of Joplin who have no outright ties to the College or apparent use for such a facility see the need for a new center?

Maybe not, but those residents who think they may not benefit directly from the erection of a center may not realize they could have ties to someone who will. They may have a grandson, who would love to play basketball for the Lions in such a venue, or a niece, whose graduation ceremonies could be held there in the near future.

Even though some of the senior citizens or residents who do not attend major events often may not see the proposal as a need for their future, I hope they will see it as a need for the future of Joplin.

And a need it has become.

The economical and physical growth of Joplin has increased enormously in the year and a half I have lived in this area. New Joplin businesses range from restaurants to stores selling old sporting equipment. Entrepreneurs have found Joplin to be somewhere they can find hard-working employees and a profit at the same time.

But what does Joplin have to offer the working community as far as entertainment? Memorial Hall, which houses concerts and a variety of shows in downtown Joplin, is an aging facility which can no longer attract big names to Joplin, leaving us with lackluster concert bills like Peter Cetera and AB-4-One.

But with a new facility, which would house 7,000 for athletic events and 10,000 for concerts, Joplin could lure acts like country music star Garth Brooks or rock performers Hootie and the Blowfish.

Besides musical acts, residents would be able to enjoy circuses, large-scale rodeos, and truck and tractor pulls. These are all things Joplin cannot give its citizens because it lacks an adequate facility.

But like everything in this world today, it boils down to one thing—money.

The College, which is asking Joplin residents to pay a three-eighths of a cent sales tax over 14 years, is hoping they will see a need for a center, whether it would be for entertainment or business purposes.

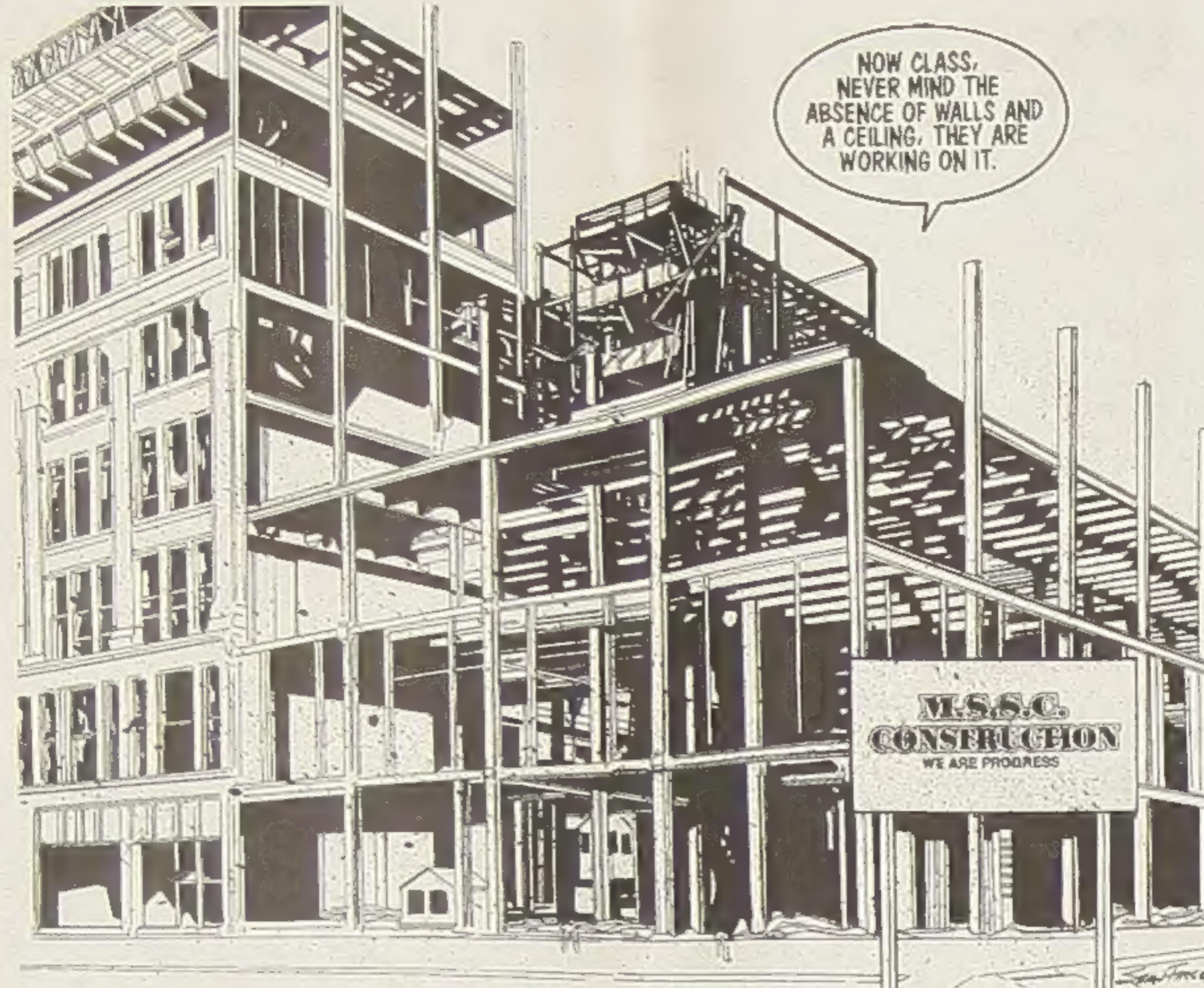
An agreement of the six-member board states that after the sales tax is paid, the College, not Joplin, will take full responsibility of the center's operating costs.

Even the College's campaign slogan, "Jobs for Joplin," is a true statement, because a major events center would attract job resources from many different facets.

But besides the community, the student body of Southern must voice their opinions about the center, whether positive or negative. It is just a matter of taking the time to register and go to the polls. That is not much to ask. □



Rick Rogers  
Managing Editor



### OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Golden rule: Finish what ya start

**C**ollege officials have taken great strides toward providing facilities needed for positive growth as an institution. Yet, it is difficult to see light at the end of the tunnel when several projects are in various states of limbo.

When will these projects be completed? Is it a mistake to leave the touch-up work at the Student Life Center to an undermanned physical plant staff?

College officials have discussed this theory: What happens 25 years from now is framed by what happens today.

In the eyes of today's students, that could be part of the problem. Students want to see their money turned into projects they will be able to utilize in the near future.

Students living in the residence halls have to walk by the new Student Life Center every day on their way to Billingsly Student Center. In sub-zero

temperatures, the thought of walking 50 yards instead of 500 yards for lunch is pleasing—the thought of the original completion date (fall 1995) is disheartening.

The Barn Theatre was scheduled for completion in April or May of 1997, but the ground has yet to be broken. One project, the Anderson Justice Center, is an extremely positive step for the College, and students are euphoric about the possibility of using the new facility by fall 1997. But it is now at the point where officials cannot accurately determine when these projects will be brought to fruition. The initial completion date for the Justice Center certainly seems optimistic at best.

It is obvious officials are looking out for the College's future and probably have a good idea of what they are doing. However, juggling is entertaining at a circus, not at Missouri Southern. □

### YOUR LETTERS

**T**he Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 525-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

## Reader expresses appreciation for articles

**C**ongratulations! Your first two issues of *The Chart* this semester were great. Both issues contained so many positive and upbeat articles.

Some that impressed me were: Genie's beautiful tribute to her mother, the inspiring story of how Paris made an important life decision, Jean Campbell's article on overcoming adversities, Nick's comments on supporting Southern's sports events, the positive stories on campus activities celebrating Black History Month, the articles encouraging students to vote on the new arena, and many others.

The news department reporters, campus, city, and state, did a superb job. This was truly a tremendous community service.

**J**an. 15 was an exciting day in my life. I was returning to school after working 15 years in the nursing profession.

I don't own a car right now, so I have to walk to school. I'm currently living near the intersection of Manitou and Florida streets, about 1.5 miles from the College.

What concerns me is that there are no

sidewalks, bike paths, or particularly, no pedestrian-controlled intersections.

On Florida Street between Newman Road and Manitou Street is a very narrow bridge. There is not enough room for two cars passing and a pedestrian.

The City of Joplin and Missouri Southern State College need to get together and make this a safer situation before someone is seriously injured or killed.

As you move forward into your future, remember it is your duty as journalists to cultivate a society in which those who follow can grow and flourish. My prayer is that you will use your talents to make a positive change in today's world.

Keep up the good work. I envision more Chart awards on the horizon.

Virginia Shaver  
(Missouri's Oldest Dorm Resident)  
McCormick Hall, MSSC

Stephen C. Waters  
Freshman sociology major

## Lack of sidewalks, bike paths concerns student

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Thursday, February 8, 1996

### IN PERSPECTIVE

## Are you making a difference?

**A**re you ... Making a Difference—in Your Career, Community or in Someone's Life?" That's the question posed to alumnae of my college sorority in a recent magazine. The article continues, by asking members to share their stories.

After reading it, I paused to think. What kind of difference am I making? Perhaps that's a question we all should ponder.

My career continues here at Missouri Southern, as general manager of Missouri Southern Television. It's sometimes hard to believe, but April marks my 10th year of working at the College!

During those years, I've seen a lot of changes career-wise and on campus. I began working for MSSC as community service director for MSTV and KXMS. In 1993, I became general manager.

The College has allowed me a chance to develop leadership and managerial skills. It also has given me a chance to play a role in shaping the future of quite a few students over the years.

I may reach only a few students in an "official" part-time instructor position. But, as a staff member I work closely with the many talented students who make their way to the television studios.

Many past students have gone on to successful positions in the media, and I'm sure the ones today and tomorrow will do likewise. I hope that maybe in some way my contact with them has helped them "make a difference."

I am fortunate due to the fact that my job often involves working with the local organizations. These include "community involvement" activities, such as serving as president of the Joplin NALA (Neighborhood Adult Literacy Action) board of directors, and secretary for the Main Street Joplin board of directors.

It's nice to see the accomplishments of these types of groups as they help others. Another way I am involved is through the production of the weekly television program, "Newsmakers."

The interviews are designed to highlight people and issues of local interest. I appreciate hearing occasional comments from viewers, because that helps me to realize that I am reaching people ... and maybe making a difference in our community.

The last part of the question deals with making a difference in someone's life, and this is where I have a fairly new perspective. Last May, I became a mother for the first time with the birth of my daughter, Dana. The last nine months have been fascinating, watching her grow and develop.

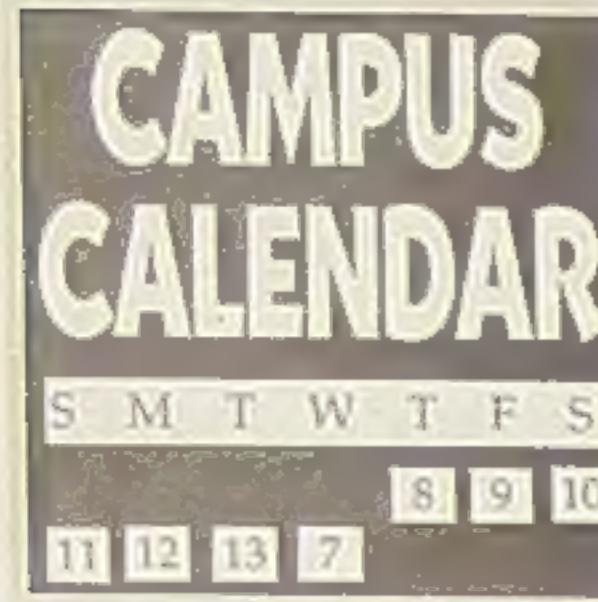
Every day seems to bring a new discovery to her! Adding to the excitement is the fact that there is so much still to come. As parents, my husband and I realize that the things we do today will have an impact on who she is tomorrow.

We are responsible for raising her in the "best" way possible. "Best" may be hard to define, but it is something to strive toward.

Perhaps this is my greatest role in "making a difference" for years to come. □

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**Today 8**

- Faculty Art Exhibit
- Spiva Art Gallery of Missouri Southern State College (Continuing through Feb. 16).
- Social Science Club Fundraiser: "Have a Heart."
- Buy a heart to benefit the CP Center, through Valentine's Day in the Social Sciences Lounge, Webster Hall, Room 223.
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- Valentine's package stuffed bear, candy and mylar balloon for \$5. More information located in the Billingsly Student Center Box Office, Room 12, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. through the 13th, or call Ext. 9366.
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- Social Science Club Book Sale, Webster Hall, Room 223.
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—
- Koinonia Campus Ministries, basement of Stegge Hall.
- Noon to 1 p.m.—
- Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.

**Friday 9**

- Noon—  
Psychology Club/Psi Chi meeting, Taylor Education & Psychology, Room 123.
- Noon to 1 p.m.—  
Brown Bag Lunch, Billingsly Student Center, Room 310.
- 7:30 p.m.—  
The Dream Concert, sponsored by CAB, Taylor Auditorium, free to students.

**Sunday 11**

- 9:30 a.m.—  
BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

**Monday 12**

- 7 and 9:30 p.m.—  
CAB Movie: *The Princess Bride*, Billingsly Student Center, 2nd floor lounge.
- 7 p.m.—  
BSU Bible Studies, Baptist Student Union.

**Tuesday 13**

- 11 a.m.—  
Newman Club, Catholic organization meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
- Noon—  
Latter Day Saints Student Association meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 313.
- Noon—  
College Republicans meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 311.
- 12:15 p.m.—  
Young Democrats meeting, Billingsly Student Center, Room 306.
- 12:20 p.m.—  
Arab League Meeting, Webster Hall, Room 212.
- 3 p.m.—  
National Broadcasting Society—AERho meeting, first floor of Webster Hall, Studio A.
- 7 and 9:30 p.m.—  
CAB Movie: *The Princess Bride*, Billingsly Student Center, 2nd floor lounge.

**Wednesday 14**

- St. Valentine's Day  
Pick up Valentine packages in Ticket Office. To reserve package call Ext. 9366.
- 5:30 p.m.—  
Student Senate meeting, Billingsly Student Center, House of Lords Room.
- 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.—  
Basketball, doubleheader vs Missouri Western, Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

**Attention Clubs**  
If you have an upcoming event you would like publicized in *The Chart* call Elizabeth at 625-9311.

# THE CHART

# AROUND CAMPUS

Thursday, February 8, 1996

**GREEK LIFE**

## Sororities get acquainted during rush

**Informal activities enlighten rushees, current members**

By STEPHANIE WARD  
STAFF WRITER

**G**eeting acquainted with and informed about Missouri Southern's Greek system freshmen attended meetings with sororities last week.

Sunday and Monday served as spring rush for Missouri Southern sororities Alpha Sigma Alpha and Zeta Tau Alpha.

"Spring rush is a lot more informal," said Christy Phillips, Alpha Sigma Alpha chapter adviser. "It doesn't go for a whole week like regular rush week does."

The sororities met at 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center. The meetings were "get acquainted" meetings, Phillips said. Each sorority spent some time with the new rushees and got to know them a little. There were no large activities planned because it was informal rush.

"In informal rush," said Tiffany Jones, junior computer science major and membership chairman of Zeta Tau Alpha, "we can't do anything like have a skit or anything like have a shower card."

thing that's really planned.

"We have formal rush in the fall, and that is where we spend all our time and effort."

Both sororities said they have more rushees in the fall. Spring rushees are usually freshmen who have waited to see what their first semester in college is like or women who didn't have time in the fall.

If there isn't a good turnout after the sororities go through rush, they both have what is called continuous open bidding. These "COB's," as they are called, are usually casual get-togethers like pizza parties or bowling, and they are usually held in the spring, Phillips said.

"A lot of it is just word of mouth," she said. "Anyone who's interested can come."

Phillips said she thinks both sororities are essentially the same.

"We both have our own philanthropic causes," she said.

Alpha Sigma Alpha's biggest cause is the Special Olympics.

"We stress leadership and community," Phillips said. "We try to work for the campus community as well as for the Joplin community. We do a bunch of work with the campus Special Olympics."

Zeta Tau Alpha's biggest cause is the Breast Cancer Foundation.

"We hand out shower cards to all



Tracy Thorpe (left), a sophomore nursing applicant, and Shanna Creson (right), a sophomore undecided major, take part in the sororities' rush activities Monday. The groups played Jenga to meet each other.

the girls on campus so they know how to give themselves breast exams," Jones said.

Zeta Tau Alpha is also involved in the Adopt-A-Highway program.

"We pick up the highway twice a semester," Jones said. "We have the mile right in front of the campus on Newman Road."

The sororities did not have a big

turnout for spring rush this year, perhaps due to the cold weather, but both Phillips and Jones said anyone is welcome anytime.

"They are more than welcome to contact me," Jones said. "If they're interested, all they have to do is find a member. That's the most important thing."

Phillips said she thinks women

will be surprised if they come to see what sororities are like.

"It's not anything like your stereotypical 'sorority girls' type of thing, especially here, since we're a smaller campus," she said. "I think a lot of girls, if they give the sororities a chance, will find it a lot of fun. They'd meet friends that they'd have for a long time."

**SADDLE CLUB**

## Students reestablish club with equestrian interest

**Next meeting to be held Feb. 15 to elect officers**

By KIM GIBSON  
STAFF WRITER

**F**or the first time in more than a year, the Missouri Southern Saddle Club held a meeting to bring equestrian activities back to campus.

Southern has been without a Saddle Club since 1994 due to low membership. Club adviser Wayne Stebbins said the club's rep-

utation of being an organization for rodeo competitors caused the lack of interest.

"Most of our members actually participated in rodeo events," Stebbins said. "A number of people felt you had to be a rodeo participant to be part of the club."

This year, the Saddle Club plans to come back with a new roster of activities to appeal to a wide range of students.

Some of the activities to be held include a wagon ride and barbecue, weekend trail rides, country dances, and line dancing seminars.

The club would also sponsor special events for children and for the disabled.

Some events, such as buckouts or a colt or saddle auction, will be used as fund-raisers for the club.

Because the club is sponsor-supported, no dues are collected from members.

"We want to introduce something new to the school," said Tera Speer, club member. "We just hope people join and come out to have fun."

Speer, freshman marketing major, and club member Tamra Hill, freshman undecided major, are responsible for reintroducing the Saddle Club to Southern students.

"We were interested in the club and did not know it had ended," Hill said.

"We were interested also in finding students with similar interests," Speer said.

Any full-time or part-time student with equestrian interests is eligible for membership.

No riding or rodeo experience is necessary; part of the purpose of the club is to further advance knowledge of the care and management of livestock, educational field trips, business opportunities, horse showing, rodeo interests, competition, and trail riding," as stated by the club's written bylaws.

The club will hold its next meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 to elect officers.

**DEBATE**

## Team splits at tourney

By RUSTY WELLS  
STAFF WRITER

**T**he Missouri Southern debate team came home last weekend with a win and a loss.

The team attended a competition at Southern Illinois University where they competed with other students.

The upper division scored 4-2 and ranked 11th out of 51 in the division, said Eric W. Marlow, director of debate and forensics. "The junior varsity also scored 4-2 but was ranked 14. The University Of Missouri, Kansas City beat them."

The debate team plans to go to Southeast Louisiana State University Feb. 16-18 for the Mardi Gras tournament. And to Warrensburg, Mo. the following weekend for the Missouri American Forensics Association state tournament. The topic for the debate will be the United States foreign policy toward Mexico.

Two teams are going. The first consists of Eric Dicharry and Stuart Smart. The second team includes Doug Dennis and Jason Newton. Craig Jones will be on the junior varsity team.

A competition consists of six to eight preliminary rounds. Teams that have a good winning record usually advance to the next round. Usually a debate is won by a judge deciding which team gave a better debate.

Other events scheduled include a visit from a team from Japan.

We will be hosting some Japanese debaters March 10-13," said Marlow.

They will debate our team. They will also be available to speak to the students."

**STUDENT PROFILE**

Sophomore cheerleader Marcy Hodge, co-captain of the squad, starts a cheer during the Lady Lions' basketball game Wednesday.

BY ELIZABETH LOVLAND  
CAMPUS EDITOR

**E**choing spirit throughout the bleachers of Missouri Southern's Young Gymnasium and Hughes Stadium is something Marcy Hodge is a big part of.

Hodge, a sophomore elementary education major, is co-captain of the Missouri Southern cheerleading squad in only her second year.

"I never dreamed that I would be captain as a sophomore," Hodge said.

Linda Lunow, cheerleading coach, said Hodge has what it takes to be a leader.

"Marcy is a motivator, she's high spirited, high energy, which is everything," Lunow said. "She's got the attitude, let's do it, let's make it happen."

"It takes at least one person in any group to spread the enthusiasm around the group. If I was put it one way, she's an energy source."

Adam Hames, sophomore accounting major, is co-captain of the squad with Marcy.

"She's really easy to get along with," Hames said. "Which makes it better when we're working together."

Jill Baird, freshman psychology major, said Hodge has helped make her first year on the cheerleading squad a positive experience.

"Marcy's been like a sister," Baird said. "She's always there, always comforting, happy, and keeping spirits up."

"If something goes wrong, Marcy

helps settle everything."

The cheerleading squad competed in a Universal Cheerleading Association camp during the summer at the University of Missouri-Columbia and brought home several awards.

"We're getting a lot better than we have been in the past," Hodge said. "We work harder."

But cheering is not all work for Hodge. She said she does not pay attention to the money she receives through cheerleading, because of her spirit for the Lions and Lady Lions athletics. Hodge simply said, "It's fun."

"I would have been a cheerleader with out the scholarship," she said. "But it does help."

Hodge said she likes having men on the cheerleading squad.

"It's a lot more fun-cheering with the guys because you can do a lot more stunts," she said.

Hodge also said the cheerleaders appreciate the support from the Lion Pride Pep Band during home football and basketball games.

"We love everything that they do for us, and they are so good about yelling with us," she said. "We love them."

Hodge, whose father is the assistant principal and head football coach at Seneca High School, decided she wanted to be a cheerleader in elementary school.

"Since my dad was a coach, we went to every single game, and I

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**HODGE**, page 12

# Chamber gives nod to school proposal

Plans propose building improvements to bring 9th grade to high school

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Along with the Joplin Civic Center proposal, the Joplin R-8 School District's construction proposal received rave reviews by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

The Joplin R-8 project, if passed, would allow the school district to begin the process of realigning its grade system. The plan would consolidate the ninth grade, located in the junior high school building at 310 W. Eighth St., with the high school.

The proposed building construction would be an expansion to the current high school, 2104 Indiana, in order to house the influx of students.

Rob O'Brian, Chamber president, said he thinks the school district is taking the "significant" steps to improve the overall education process for the children of Joplin.

"I believe that the realignment creates great learning opportunities for the freshmen," O'Brian said. "However, that realignment cannot be accomplished without the new high school addition and construction of a new middle school to accommodate the shift of grades at the lower level."

Dr. Vernon Hudson, Joplin R-8 superintendent, said the construction would benefit the quality of education given to the district's students.

**QUALITY IN MEDICINE AWARD**

## Thatcher presents award

Former British Prime Minister, Lady Margaret Thatcher, was a guest speaker at the Quality in Medicine Award ceremony Tuesday at John Q. Hammons Trade Center in Joplin.

The award recipient was Hugh Edward Stephenson, Jr., M.D., John Growdon Distinguished Professor of Surgery Emeritus, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine.

Gayle McAllister, Chairman of the Freeman Foundation, and Kelby R. Krabbenhoft, President/CEO of Freeman Hospitals and Health System in Joplin, presented the award.

Stephenson is a long-time faculty member of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine. His first textbook, *Cardiac Arrest and Resuscitation*, has become a classic.

The Quality in Medicine Award was sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Missouri, Investors Financial Inc. of Joplin, and UMB Bank, Southwest, Joplin. □



Former British Prime Minister Lady Margaret Thatcher poses next to Hugh Edward Stephenson, Jr., the recipient of the Freeman Quality in Medicine Award given Tuesday at the Hammons Trade Center.

## Chamber of Commerce shows support for civic center

This past week, your Chamber Board of Directors took action to endorse both the Joplin Civic Center and Joplin R-8 Schools building project. The Board, along with members of the chamber's Governmental Relations, Education and Vision Joplin committees, heard detailed presentations on both projects. The Board also considered membership input from the survey in the recent newsletter in making its final decisions to support these two important issues.

In considering whether or not to support these projects, important points were 1) whether the project is needed; 2) the potential for positive impact on the business community; 3) the cost-effectiveness of the project and 4) the positive impact on quality of life in our community.

In addressing the Civic Center (or arena) project, it is the position of the Board that the project is needed to advance both Missouri Southern State College and the community of Joplin. Although MSSC has needs that will be met by this building, of even greater impact is the fact that

the facility will be available to the community over 85% of the time.

The availability of this facility will allow Joplin to bring events into the community that we are currently not capable of handling. Both the construction of the facility and the ability to increase with shows and events our draw of people in the area will have a significant economic impact.

The project appears to be cost-effective. First, the projected cost of a facility of this size and flexibility of the Civic Center appear to be in line. Second, although we are increasing the sales-tax on ourselves, some 60% of the total project revenue will come from people outside of Joplin who shop here. In other words, Joplin residents are paying 40 cents on the dollar for the Civic Center. Third, bond interest rates are low, so more revenue can go into construction. Fourth, there are a few, if any, arenas or convention centers that can operate without an underlying funding source, typically taxes.

The willingness of MSSC to assume the maintenance and staffing of the Center, yet allow most

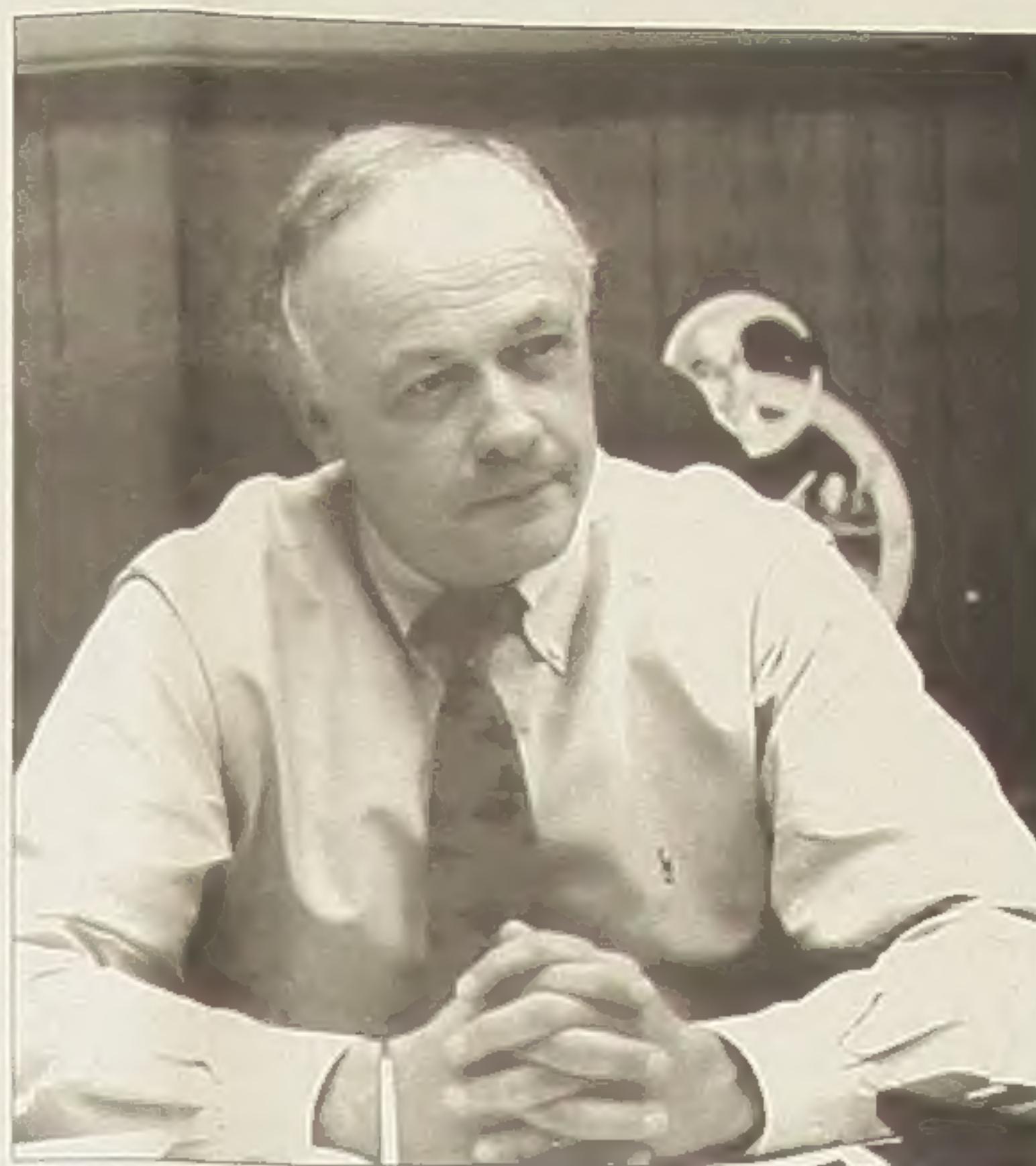
of the use to be by the community, is a bargain.

Finally, almost four years ago the nearly 200 people involved in the Vision Joplin process endorsed the concept of a multi-purpose facility at MSSC. The reasons at the time related to the improvement in the quality of life, rather than the economic benefits, such a facility would bring. Those reasons are still valid. Joplin cannot attract any show that requires more than 1200 attendees to be successful. Whether it's a major country-western act, a circus, or the latest touring Muppets show, Joplin cannot even make a bid, unless the Civic Center is in place. Add the use by local groups for everything from indoor soccer to craft shows and all of these events bring a better quality of life to our residents.

...

Sincerely,

Bo Lee, Chairman  
Rob O'Brian, President



FILE PHOTO

Veron Hudson, superintendent of the Joplin R-8 school district, was pleased with the approval of the school's building proposals by the Joplin Chamber of Commerce.

## REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Garage fire claims Carthage R-9 solar car

A garage fire destroyed the Carthage R-9 School District's solar car Saturday at a home in rural Carthage owned by Wayne Nixon, a teacher at Carthage High School.

The fire claimed the garage and all of its contents, including the solar car. The cause of the fire has not been determined. The solar car was worth an estimated \$30,000 and was insured for \$25,000.

Responding to the fire at 1:55 p.m. Saturday at Carthage Route 2 were five firefighters and two trucks. They were at the scene for nearly two hours. □

### Chamber seeking award nominees

Joplin's 1996 Small Business of the Year award nominations are being accepted by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Nominees must be business owners, partners, or major shareholders. They must be within a 35-mile radius of the Joplin area, employ more than 50 workers, and have been in business for at least three years. Also, eligible businesses must have been a member of the Chamber for the past two years.

Judging criteria will be the nominee's leadership in business and community affairs, active involvement in professional or trade associations, and significant business accomplishments.

Judges will also consider responses of businesses to challenges and problems, equal opportunity employment, and the initiative in job creation.

Nominations are to be postmarked no later than Feb. 23 and are available at the Chamber and Baird, Kurtz and Dobson. □

### IRS to offer free help with tax returns

Free tax counseling will be offered in Missourians who qualify as disabled, elderly, non-English speaking or low-income.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will provide these qualifiers with certified volunteers to help prepare their tax returns.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs aid more than 60 taxpayers in preparing their federal returns.

More details may be obtained by calling 1(800) 829-1040 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For listings of VITA and TCE programs in the area, contact the IRS at (314) 539-3660. □

### 'A Fair of the Heart' offers health seminars

St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin is planning for "A Fair of the Heart...Heart Fix '96" to provide information about heart-healthy care.

Health care professionals from St. John's Center for Heart Care and affiliated groups will provide booths for attendees to gather heart safety information and attend seminars on Saturday, Feb. 24 Hammons Trade Center in Joplin.

Seminars will include discussion about smart eating for a healthy heart, social and spiritual issues for heart patients, women and heart disease, interventional cardiology, and antioxidants.

Various new areas to be included this year will be a demonstration area to provide participants with an opportunity to listen to short, helpful presentations concerning various topics including stress reduction, exercise, dining out, recipe substitution, and other such topics.

Also this year there will be a children's area. They will participate in various activities focusing on the heart including crafts, coloring, exercises, and healthy snacking. There will be guidelines posted that day for parents using the center. □



# Burns to join Orchestra

By KEVIN COLEMAN

ASSISTANT ARTS EDITOR

**P**ro Musica presents a night of classical music at 8 p.m. on Valentine's Day in Taylor Performing Arts Center.

Georg Moosdorff, first violinist of the Leipzig Gewandhaus, Leipzig, Germany, one of Europe's oldest and most respected orchestras, will conduct the Leipzig Chamber Orchestra in a two-hour performance featuring selected works by Mozart, Telemann, Mendelssohn, and Copeland.

The concert will feature solos by American trumpet virtuoso Stephen Burns, who has been touring the United States, Europe, and Asia since 1960. He studied with Maurice Andre, who reintroduced the baroque trumpet concerto into classical music.

"These are just amazingly beautiful pieces of music," said Cynthia Schwab, founder and director of Pro Musica. "The baroque trumpet has a different sound than a contemporary trumpet: it's a sweeter sound."

The Leipzig Chamber Orchestra is internationally renowned for presenting innovative programming and musical excellence. The main focus of its concerts is the Vienna classical period. It opened its U.S. tour at New York's Carnegie Hall.

"This is going to be an absolutely beautiful concert," Schwab said. "For anyone who has considered listening to classical music but hasn't done so yet, this would be a perfect concert to begin with."

Ticket prices are \$12 for general seating, \$18 for premium seating, with student and senior citizen discounts available. Concert patron admission is \$50, which includes a preconcert buffet, preferred seating, and program listing.

Tickets are on sale at the Missouri Southern box office in Billingsly Student Center and at Ernie Williamson Music, 611 Main, Joplin. To order, persons may call 1-800-634-0975. For more information, persons may call (417) 625-0360. □



CYNTHIA SCHWAB Special to The Chart

Stephen Burns (above) will play the baroque trumpet in a concert with the Leipzig Chamber Orchestra at 8 p.m. on Feb. 14 at Taylor Performing Arts Center. The performance, sponsored by Pro Musica, is \$12 for general seating, \$18 for premium seating, and \$50 for concert patron admission.



## MSIPC: Competitors come from 19 countries

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"This is just in case someone can't make it."

One of the alternates comes from Tajikistan, a new country from the old Soviet Union.

"I had to go out and buy a new map," Leon said.

"I had never heard of that country before."

"The flags are not even made yet."

she said. "I called up to order the new flags, and they tell us, 'I think they're making it, but we don't have it yet.'"

Besides Tajikistan, finalists come from the Philippines, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Poland, China, Mongolia, Korea, Russia, the Czech Republic, Italy, Brazil, Taiwan, Turkey, Bulgaria, Japan, Germany, Belarus, and the United States.

"This shows how international we are," Leon said.

"We bring only 35 a year, but it seems like every time we get some from somewhere unique."

Applicants come from new countries every competition.

"These countries are just now opening up," Leon said. "They are just now finding out what is going on in the western world." □

# NOTICE

## MAY, JULY OR DECEMBER GRADS

### Senior Assessment '96 is drawing near.

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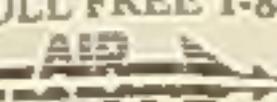
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# IN YOUR EYE



By RYAN BRONSON

## Emotions sail in 'White Squall'

**R**ave, rave, rave. If you venture to the movie theater even once this season, make it a point to see *White Squall*.

Imagine you are part of a sea-going crew, along with 10 or so other college students. The captain and first mate train you and the others to man the ship, an old 19th century sailboat. Ah! The thrill of the open sea—dangerous, yet exhilarating.

In *White Squall*, you'll get those feelings and more. A *Dead Poet's Society* at sea, *Squall* has all the characteristics of a blockbuster. It scored an 8 on the Bronson-tearjerker scale, 8 on the Bronson-action scale, 10 on the Bronson-intensity scale, and 10 on the Bronson-must see scale.

The movie begins with Chuck (played by newcomer Scott Wolf) deciding to enroll in a sailing school run by Captain Christopher Shelton (Jeff Bridges).

The captain teaches the group of young men to man the ship, appropriately called The Albatross. The Albatross travels to several destinations and the movie focuses on the crews ability to get along despite interesting character flaws.

Although Bridges is the only big name star, Balthazar Getty, the star from "Lord of the Flies," plays an important role in the film.

Wolf, the story's main character, not only looks very much like famous actor Tom Cruise,

but he also has the same potential as an actor—dramatic, cute (don't worry—I'm secure in my own heterosexuality), intense, and effective.

The one thing that really impressed me about the movie was the intensity of the climax.

It has all the makings of a great tragedy at sea, but with a twist, literally.

Some movies, like *Speed* or *Die Hard* have you on the edge of your seat. This one will make you fall off it, but with the drama lacking in the prior mentioned duo.

Better than *Mr. Holland's Opus*, *Seven*, or *12 Monkeys*, *White Squall* will be a movie to remember when the Academy Awards come around next year. □

### INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

## Polanski ushers in spring season

By AMY DENTNER

STAFF WRITER

**S**uspense and terror highlight director Roman Polanski's *Cul-De-Sac*, the sixth film presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society.

The 1966 British film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium. *Cul-De-Sac* marks the first Polanski shown in the 34 years of the International Film Festival.

"He hasn't tried to imitate Hitchcock, but has his own style that's quite identifiable."

Kash said Polanski's approach shows another side to the ordinary.

"He can capture the commonplace and show that there is really evil lurking underneath the surface."

The film focuses on a couple, played by Donald Pleasance and Francoise Dorleac, who escape their busy lives in an isolated castle in northern England. Once there, the

couple are terrorized by a gangster and his accomplice, who have inhabited the castle.

Though *Cul-De-Sac* is now on video cassette, Kash said at least seven of the films in the series are not out on video.

"There's no rhyme or reason as to what will be on video and what won't be," he said. "So we try to make an opportunity to show the films that have not yet been put into that format."

Season tickets for the remaining five films are on sale at \$8 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens and students.

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# 5 bills mandate English as law

By J.L. GRIFFIN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

# Big D leads to 'big win' for Lady Lions

**Four starters break into double figures against Lady 'Cats**

By NICK PARKER

SPORTS EDITOR

**S**elfishness took a holiday as four Lady Lions scored in double figures in defeating Southwest Baptist University 81-68 Wednesday night.

Senior guard Melissa Grider

MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Southern upends SBU 84-79

**Farmer responds with 14 points after earning initial start**

By RICK ROGERS

MANAGING EDITOR

**W**ith consistent free throw shooting down the stretch, the basketball Lions slipped past Southwest Baptist University 84-79 at Young Gymnasium Wednesday night.

The victory ups Southern's record to 6-5 in the MIAA and 11-10 overall. SBU, in the midst of a two-game winning streak before Wednesday, falls to 4-7 in the conference and 7-14 overall.

Lions' head coach Robert Corn said strong performances at the charity stripe late in the game helped snap Southern's two-game skid. The Lions hit 20 of 28 free throws (74 percent) for the contest.

"No. 1, we got in the free throw line," Corn said. "That was something that we wanted to make sure that we did. In the last two games, we shot only seven [free throws] against Northwest [Missouri] and against

scored 30 points, junior center Marie Scott 22, senior forward Sandra Cunningham 15, and junior guard Nicole Heinz 12.

Missouri Southern climbed to 6-5 in the MIAA and 15-5 overall while knocking the Lady Bearcats to 6-5 and 14-7.

Scott chipped in on the defensive side with nine rebounds and three blocked shots.

"You have to be physical," she said. "The refs don't see it all, and they'll cheap shot you."

"You've just got to go in, play

hard every minute, and be as physical as you can be."

Cunningham gave the Lady Lions a needed lift late in the second half by scoring seven consecutive points.

"I'm just happy we won," Cunningham said. "I felt like we had good ball movement, and it gets better each game."

Head coach Carrie Kafes said help came from everyone, not just the high scorers.

"I think everybody stepped up," she said. "April [Bailey] may not

score, but she does so many things out there that nobody even knows about."

"She passes well, she gets the rebounds, she plays great defense. She may look like she's getting burned, but she's not."

SBU took advantage of 12 Southern turnovers in building a 33-32 halftime lead. The Lady Lions had only four turnovers after intermission.

"They pressed us, and we did the right things against the press," Kafes said. "Our only turnovers

came when we were careless."

The victory was important for the Lady Lions, who are looking for a berth in the MIAA post-season tournament.

"These last two games were big wins for us," Kafes said. "We have to beat Lincoln or this is all a waste."

The Lady Lions travel to Jefferson City to play Lincoln University (2-8, 7-12) at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

Southern returns home at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday to take on Missouri Western. □

## Sports SCOPE

**Speech comes from family, not athletes**

**E**ek! Did you hear that F-word? I shriek every time I hear it, but I catch myself saying it every time I lose my temper or need to stress a certain statement. Sure, it makes me sound unintelligent and feeble-minded, but it's just so fu...whoops...difficult to stop from saying it sometimes.

A few weeks ago, USA Today and a few other papers made much ado about some four-letter words spoken on live television after the AFC and NFC championship games. Give me a break.

One columnist made it sound as though letting football players get away with using bad language was just the beginning, that it will all start to add up and severely corrode our society. Please.

The worst that could happen is the words eventually would become a regular part of our language. (Some could argue that they already have, to a certain extent.)

Let's face it—athletes cuss. Cussing is a part of violent sports. It is an effective way to get teammates fired up, and to get yourself fired up for a game, match, contest, or otherwise. I was once an athlete as I'm sure many of you were, too. I never stepped on a field, court, or playing surface without hearing bad language, to one extent or another.

In the grand scheme of it all, how much damage can a few bad words do anyway? It only makes the person who uses the language that much more of an idiot. Trust me, I know from personal experience.

According to most of those who oppose the bad language on TV, the main problem with it is its effect on our children. Now, I don't have any children, but I was a child for much of my life. In fact, I get accused of being a child almost every day.

People who think they can shelter their children from bad language by using athletes and TV shows as scapegoats are probably causing more damage to their children than any four-letter word. We should be teaching our children that negative language makes them sound unintelligent to those around them. Sheltering them just makes them more susceptible to these negative behaviors later on in life.

Also, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that children hear four-letter word after four-letter word from their classmates at school. But, in the end, children are going to speak like their parents. Use yourself as an example. Do you speak like your parents or like Ward Cleaver? From my experience, males often get their speech patterns and mannerisms from their fathers, and females often get theirs from their mothers.

So, before you whine and bitch (five-letter words can be dangerous, too) about what you see on television, remember this: A four-letter word from a parent will do 10 times the damage as a four-letter word from a linebacker or a wide receiver. □

Ryan Bronson



DEBORAH SOLDOMON/The Chart

Junior forward Greg Ray defends against Southwest Baptist's senior forward Gregg Schmedding. Ray scored 11 points in the Lion's 84-79 win.

TRACK & FIELD

## Blacketer improves record time; teams continue success

By JASON OWEN  
STAFF WRITER

ting almost 13 seconds off her previous record-setting time.

"And Heather Hoyle, running the 400-meter event for the first time, goes out and places third and almost gets a provisional (the minimum qualifying standard to compete in the NCAA Division II national championships) with a time of just over one minute.

"All the girls are really working hard, they just keep improving, and it excites me to be a part of it."

The men's track team didn't go the weekend without its own excitement. "With all the ice and cold we really couldn't get outside," said Tom Rutledge, men's coach.

"We were really afraid that was going to hurt us, and it did in the longer events. But I was very pleased with how our shorter events turned out."

One of those who especially pleased Rutledge was Jason Ramsey.

"We went to two meets, Friday at Central Missouri and Saturday at the University of Kansas," Rutledge said. "Jason ran at both. CMSU he won both the high jump and the 55-meter hurdles.

"Then at Kansas he took second in the hurdles and seventh in the high jump. I was really proud of his performance this weekend."

Rutledge was also pleased with James Thrash's performance.

"James is recovering well from

the injuries he sustained in football," he said. "He ran a 6.43 in the 55-meter event (6.42 being a provisional), winning it, and he didn't even have a very good race.

He also won the 200-meter, with a time of 22.48. He is really coming along.

The entire team is coming along quite well. They're working hard, and I'm really pleased with their performance. I really think we have a chance." □

## Southern Scoreboard

### HOOPS



#### Stats & Honors

##### SCORING

- Den Bue, sr., WU, 28.1 ppg.
- Eddie Petree, sr., MSSC, 20.0 ppg.
- Brian Basch, sr., NMSS, 18.1 ppg.
- Givita Turner, jr., CMSU, 17.1 ppg.
- Ota Key, jr., LU, 17.0 ppg.
- Mark Eddington, jr., PSU, 16.9 ppg.
- Eric Bickel, sr., UMSL, 15.9 ppg.
- Bob Layton, sr., ESU, 15.8 ppg.
- Paul Taylor, sr., NMSS, 15.5 ppg.
- Carl Garrett, sr., LU, 15.4 ppg.
- Mark Basic, sr., NMSS, 87.3 pct.
- Derrick Smith, sr., NWMSU, 85.7 pct.
- Eddie Raeca, sr., MSSC, 85.6 pct.
- Tim Holloway, jr., UMR, 82.2 pct.
- Troy Clapp, Jr., SBU, 80.8 pct.
- Lamont Burton, sr., ESU, 75.6 pct.
- Cory Parker, jr., NMSS, 73.5 pct.
- Paul Taylor, sr., NMSS, 72.9 pct.
- Onville Turner, jr., CMSU, 71.2 pct.
- Rob Layton, sr., ESU, 68.8 pct.

##### REBOUNDS

- Eddie Raeca, sr., ESU, 10.5 rpg.
- Lance Robbins, 3.2, 36.8.
- Brian Taylor, 0.9, 28.6.
- Mark Phillips, 9.4, 43.0.
- Greg Ray, 4.7, 38.9.
- Torres Fisher, 13.1, 52.6.
- Kevin Shuter, 11.1, 43.1.
- bob, 0.0, 0.0.
- Iric Farmer, 2.1, 42.9.
- Herron Clay, 0.4, 21.4.
- Joe Drury, 9.1, 56.2.
- Mad Olson, 7.4, 42.0.
- Nicole Heinz, 7.1, 43.4.
- Melissa Grider, 41.2, 26.4.
- Amy Phillips, 2.1, 47.1.
- Tonya Hocker, 0.2, 14.3.
- Chira Oldfield, 1.2, 33.3.
- Sandra Cunningham, 8.0, 42.1.
- Marie Scott, 17.8, 56.5.
- Lori Pope, 0.8, 33.3.
- Amy Huber, 2.2, 45.8.
- Mandy Olson, 1.3, 37.5.
- Stephanie Piemont, 0.5, 28.7.
- Mandy Shaw, 11.9, 48.5.
- April Bailey, 7.4, 51.9.

### WOMEN



#### Stats & Honors

##### SCORING

- Melissa Grider, sr., MSSC, 26.4 ppg.
- Sheila Leopold, jr., LU, 19.0 ppg.
- Betha Pascual, sr., CMSU, 18.9 ppg.
- Marie Scott, jr., MSSC, 17.8 ppg.
- Jenni Miller, jr., PSU, 16.9 ppg.
- Rachel Matkax, sr., CMSU, 16.6 ppg.
- Jerry Pracht, sr., PSU, 16.6 ppg.
- Becky Reichenbach, sr., UMR, 16.5 ppg.
- Niki Oberding, sr., WU, 16.0 ppg.
- Amy Pillard, sr., NMSS, 15.5 ppg.

##### FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

- Jenni Miller, jr., PSU, 94.7 pct.
- Christie Williams, sr., UMR, 83.0 pct.
- Tobi Rees, jr., UMR, 80.0 pct.
- Niki Oberding, sr., UMR, 76.0 pct.
- Melissa Grider, sr., MSSC, 74.5 pct.
- Sheila Leopold, jr., LU, 74.1 pct.
- Toni Wood, jr., MWSC, 74.0 pct.
- R.D. Martin, sr., UMSL, 72.4 pct.
- Rachel Matkax, sr., CMSU, 71.5 pct.

##### REBOUNDS

- Marie Scott, jr., MSSC, 13.2 rpg.
- Stacy Humphrey, sr., ESU, 9.0 rpg.
- Danielle Box, sr., SBU, 8.7 rpg.
- Rachel Matkax, sr., CMSU, 8.5 rpg.
- Amy Pillard, sr., NMSS, 8.4 rpg.
- Tobi Rees, jr., UMR, 8.2 rpg.
- Jenny Pracht, sr., PSU, 8.16 rpg.
- Heather Harman, jr., UMR, 8.0 rpg.
- Amy Egan, jr., NMSS, 7.7 rpg.
- Emily Shoppier, jr., WU, 7.4 rpg.

## Date, Time, and Place

### Saturday Basketball

Lady Lions at Lincoln, 5:30 p.m.

Lions at Lincoln, 7:30 p.m.

### Baseball

Lions vs. University of Oklahoma, 11:30 a.m.

### Track & Field

Lions at Central Missouri, TBA.

### Wednesday Basketball

Lady Lions vs. Missouri Western, at Young Gymnasium, 5:30 p.m.

Lions vs. Missouri Western, at Young Gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.



### Lion Numbers

	Overall	Conf.
W-L	W-L	W-L
1. Northwest Missouri	15-4	B-2
2. Missouri-Rolla	16-4	7-3
3. Emporia State	10-10	7-3
4. Central Missouri	16-4	6-4
5. Missouri St. Louis	11-9	6-4
6. Missouri Western	13-7	5-5
7. Missouri Southern	10-10	5-5
8. Pittsburg State	11-8	5-5
9. Washburn	9-11	4-6
10. Southwest Baptist	7-13	4-6
11. Lincoln	7-12	2-8
12. Northeast Missouri	4-16	1-9



### Lady Lion Numbers

	Overall	Conf.




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## FOOTBALL

# Lions snag 14 recruits

**Southern picks up six linemen during first day of signing**

By RICK ROGERS  
MANAGING EDITOR

**F**ourteen high school seniors signed letters of intent Wednesday to play football next season at Missouri Southern, including nine from southwest Missouri.

Head coach Jon Lantz said unlike in the past, his coaching staff is finding it easier to recruit local talent.

"We are more well received in southwest Missouri than we ever have been," he said. "I attribute that to our success on the field, but also I attribute that to the fact that each year Southern has been looked upon with more credibility. People now know you get a great education at Southern."

"Seven years ago, we didn't even have any local kids interested in playing football for us."

## HODGE: Sophomore notes band, fans for game spirit

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always watched them (cheerleaders) and so that was a lot of it," she said. "They let me be the little mascot when I was in elementary school."

From this beginning Hodge went on to become an all-American cheerleader her junior year at Seneca High School.

"I went to Hawaii and cheered in the Aloha Bowl," she said. "My parents didn't go with me, I didn't know any girls at all, I just got on the plane and went, but it was so much fun."

"We stayed there eight days over Christmas, so I wasn't with my family, and that was kind of sad, but it was a good experience."

Hodge said her interest in education also began in grade school.

"I decided in the third grade that I wanted to be a teacher, and I just stuck with it," she said. "I love all of my classes that have to do with my major, so I think I'm going to like it."

Hodge and her mother both work at Kids Korner Day Care in Seneca.

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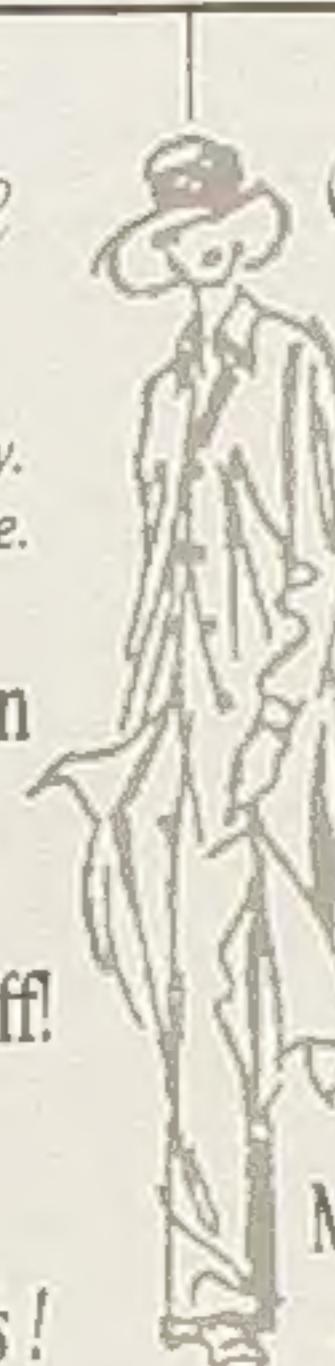
**Marcy Hodge**  
Southern  
cheerleader

"That's the best job in the world," Hodge said. "I love it."

"The kids there are about [ages] 2 through 6, so they are younger than what I would be teaching."

In the future Hodge hopes to be teaching early elementary, married, and have four children. There is one thing she does not want, however.

"I don't want any pets," she said. "I would like to be a cheerleading coach, but if I'm not that would be OK." □



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their offensive and defensive lines. Of the 14 recruits, six were linemen.

Lantz said the most impressive recruit physically was Robert Ilaoa, a 6-2, 310-pound defensive lineman from Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, Okla.

"He is a Samoan kid who is just huge," Lantz said.

"You would think 6-2, 310 pounds would be obese, but when he walks through the door, he fills it. He is anything but obese; he's huge."

Other recruits include Jarrett Cook, a linebacker from Seneca High School; Darin Gries, a 6-3, 290-pound offensive lineman from Ozark High School; Brad Harris, a linebacker from Sand Springs, Okla.; Rob Harryman, an offensive lineman from Neosho High School; Daren Jones, an offensive lineman from Hazelwood East High School in St. Louis; Dan Mullins, a tight end from Republic High School; Dave Puckett, a center from Kickapoo High School in Springfield; and Dusty Van Gilder, a linebacker from Lamar High School. □

## BUCKET AND THE BRUISE



Lady Lions' guard Sandra Cunningham attempts a shot against SBU Wednesday. Cunningham scored 15 points in a 81-68 victory.

## BASEBALL

## Hogs spoil Southern's opener

**T**he University of Arkansas put a damper on Missouri Southern's season opener with a 15-2 thrashing of the baseball Lions Wednesday.

The Razorbacks, a Division I program, brought home four runs in the fourth and fifth innings putting the game firmly in the Hogs' favor.

The Lions only runs came in the fifth and eighth innings.

Brian Kuhn, a freshman outfielder and Joplin High School product, opened the fifth inning with a walk, but was replaced by pinch runner Andy Buchanan.

Senior short stop Joe Thiel singled Buchanan to second. Two batters later sophomore outfielder Stephen Crane brought home Buchanan with a sacrifice fly.

Southern's other run came when senior catcher Bryce Darnell came home on a ground out by freshman outfielder Chris Raffen in the eighth inning. □

## CHAMBER: Group claims cost of proposals to be \$1 a day

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impact the civic center would have on the Joplin community, as well as its construction and its availability for shows and events at the College.

"The preliminary numbers on the construction are very positive as far as economic impact," O'Brian said.

"The numbers on the operations of the center on a very preliminary basis seem positive, but we will have the final numbers as early as next week."

O'Brian said the board's main consideration concerning the

Joplin Civic Center was the quality of life of the present and the impact a civic center would have on the quality of life in the future.

"Nearly four years ago, some 200 people in the Joplin Vision process endorsed the concept of such a center at Missouri Southern State College," he said. "It was the belief at that time, still true today, that we miss out on many entertainment and recreational opportunities for all of our citizens, simply because we don't have a suitable facility."

Ron Richard, mayor of Joplin, said he thinks the two proposals

are a sign of the steps Joplin is taking to make life better for the citizens of our community.

"Is there an earthquake in here, or is Joplin moving?" Richard asked.

"The benefits to the community are numerous. We are now recognizing where we want to go and what we want to be."

O'Brian said while the center would be located on the Southern campus, the community will be as much a factor in its operations and events.

"While certainly a civic center will enhance Missouri Southern

and its continued growth and development as a learning institution in southwest Missouri," O'Brian said, "more than 85 percent of the use of the facility would be by the community."

College President Julio Leon said he was pleased with the Chamber's decision to endorse the civic center.

"There is a vision now that this city is optimistic about itself and is looking forward to these two projects," Leon said.

"That will progress the advancements that this city is making." □

## BUSINESS: Possibility of major events promising for Joplin

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out in this region, and hopefully people will realize a center of this type is something Joplin needs in order to grow.

"We are a corporate hotel, which specializes in providing for the business traveler," he said.

"But I think if we can get this type of facility it would bring weekend events to Joplin and

therefore increase our weekend numbers."

Sandy Schwartz, general manager of Steak N' Shake on Range Line, said she thinks because the restaurant is open 24 hours a day, it would benefit from the proposed center.

"Anytime there is an event at Memorial Hall, it affects our business quite a bit," Schwartz said.

"And with this center, I think we could, if it is passed, see a larger jump in customers."

Georgia Turner, marketing director at Northpark Mall, said the mall and the proposed Joplin Civic Center would work together if the project passes.

"We already benefit from the students and activities located at the College now," Turner said. "This

would be an excellent preview place of attractions coming to the center, so we could give publicity to the events, because of the six million people who pass through here each year."

"The mall would be a great avenue for the events center's publicity. And in return, we would receive business through tourist shopping while they visit." □

## PHON-A-THON: Callers have 'joyful' time, interesting calls

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students competing against each other this afternoon," she said.

"We try to tell the people we call what we bought with the money we got last year and let them know we spend it wisely."

Susan Cook, senior nursing major, is also a 1979 B.S.B.A. graduate of Southern.

"It (volunteering) is a tremendous thing," she said. "It's an opportunity to see it from the other side."

Cook said one benefit of donating money is that the person donating can designate an area to receive the funds.

"They can specify to the scholarship fund, to the general fund, to the music department, whatever," she said.

"We try to push the nursing department. It's a very worthwhile cause."

Cook said her husband graduated from Southern's nursing program in 1981.

"Now I'm having the opportunity to contact people my husband graduated with," she said. "I'm talking to people I haven't heard from in years. It's a lot of fun."

Cook said she has had a few interesting calls.

"My first call, I got a \$25 pledge," she said. "Of course, it was from my husband. I saw his card on the stack and called him up."

To volunteer for the Phon-A-Thon, call Sue Billingsly, Foundation director, at 625-9354 or stop by the Alumni House.

Cook said she also called a man in Texas who was cooking on a grill outside.

"He said the temperature there was 70 degrees," she said.

"I told him to send some of that down here, and got a donation to boot." □

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